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Village Newsletter

Summer 2004

Mayor Rahn and Clerk Szynski Earn Honors

Village Clerk Jinny Szynski and Mayor Bill Rahn (pictured right) were recently recognized by their peers in local government.



Mayor Rahn was appointed Chair of the Planning Committee by the DuPage Mayors and Managers Association. The Planning Committee reviews county housing issues and will be working to implement Federal legislation of ensuring standards for fair housing in DuPage. Mayor Rahn is also serving on the DuPage Mayors and Managers Board of Directors.

Clerk Szynski was elected Vice President of the Municipal Clerk's of DuPage County organization. Szynski was elected by her peer clerks in DuPage County. The one-year position includes coordinating monthly meetings and selecting guest speakers for the association.

**Westmont
Summer Events
Better Than Ever!**

Cruisin' Nights

Thursday Nights in Downtown Westmont

Concerts in the Park

Wednesday Nights at Ty Warner Park

Taste of Westmont

July 9, 10 & 11 in Downtown Westmont

Olympic Luge Tryouts

July 24 & 25 on Cass Avenue

Summerfest

August 13-15 at Veterans Park

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**Special
Events
Info on
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Website**

The Village of Westmont Website has recently received several updates. Many of the changes have taken place in the promotion of upcoming Special Events. Residents can find out what's happening in Westmont by clicking on the links contained in articles featured on the main page of the website or by clicking on the Special events button.

One area in particular that features a lot of information for residents is the upcoming **Taste of Westmont**. The Taste link will allow you to find general information about the festival, names of food vendors participating this year, entertainment schedule, event sponsors, carnival and petting zoo information, the name of the mascot contest, and even how to become a Taste of Westmont volunteer.

For more info regarding the Westmont Website and the cable ch. 16 Bulletin Board, contact Larry McIntyre at media@westmont.il.gov or at (630) 960-4710.

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Westmont Remembers Frank Bellerive

A chapter in Westmont history closed when former Mayor Frank Bellerive passed away last month. Frank was a lifelong resident of Westmont until his recent retirement move to Florida, but more importantly, Frank lived and breathed Westmont. His pride for the community was obvious with every breath.

Frank served the Village of Westmont for 42 years. He served in elective public office from 1961-2003, beginning as a Village Trustee in 1961 and serving until 1969. He was then Vice-President and Park District Commissioner from 1970-1982. In 1983, he was again elected Village Trustee. Frank was elected Mayor of Westmont in 1985 and served two terms in that position through 1993. At that time, he planned to retire from public service, but instead decided to join the Park Board again where he served through his move to Cape Coral, Florida in 2003.

Frank was a licensed pilot, an avid scuba diver, a boater, a gifted singer who performed at many community concerts, and as his wife Arlene puts it “A Man For All Seasons”. The Village honors Frank Bellerive for dedicating his life to Westmont - his impact will be felt forever.

Westmont Participates in Relay For Life

On Friday, June 18, a delegation of at least 30 Westmont residents participated in the Relay For Life Cancer Walk in Downers Grove. Mayor Rahn was a guest speaker at the event.

"It's to raise money for cancer research and aid people who have cancer," says Trustee Sue Senicka, who organized a group of Westmont officials and Village staff to partake. "It brings communities and people together to work on this problem." The event also celebrates the people who have lost their lives to cancer and who have survived cancer. Bob and Sue Senicka have come to the Relay For Life for the past 5 years. At last year's event, Bob was recognized as the longest living survivor of cancer having been diagnosed with non-Hodgkins Lymphoma when he was a child.

The Village would like to express thanks to all the people who came out and showed their love and support for friends and families who have experienced cancer in their lives.



Laura Fleming Named 2003 Citizen of the Year

The Village of Westmont has selected former Main Street President Laura Fleming (pictured with Mayor Rahn) as the 2003 Citizen of the Year.



"Main Street was something that I was originally talked into doing, supposedly for 5 hours a month," jokes Laura. "I rolled up my sleeves and did some work - I never realized that I would become so passionately involved."

Fleming's passion helped earn the Westmont Main Street program and the Village of Westmont many honors, but most importantly, the organization achieved its goal of revitalizing downtown Westmont. "We brought people back into the downtown," says Laura. "We let people know that our downtown is wonderful."

In addition to her involvement with Main Street, Laura has been busy with numerous other volunteer activities including the local Ronald McDonald Children's House, the annual Breast Cancer Walk, First United Methodist Church, the Aids Foundation, and the Alzheimer's Foundation.

"Laura is a person who has put her heart and soul into her volunteer work," says Promote Westmont Commission Chair Corinne Beller. Mayor Rahn adds, "Laura has clearly demonstrated her strong interest and dedication to the community. In the past and even now, she has given a tremendous amount of time and energy to the community. We greatly thank her for all she has done."

Congratulations to Laura Fleming who sums up the importance of volunteerism.

***"Volunteers make a difference.
You do it for the love
and not for any other reason."***

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Fire and Police Departments Hold Open Houses

Both the Westmont Police and Fire Departments recently held open houses. The events offer an opportunity for residents to visit our Village emergency service departments and learn more about how they operate.

The Police Department Open House coincided with the graduation of three separate resident instruction academies. The Citizens Police Academy, the CERT Program, and the newly initiated Jr. Citizens Police Academy (pictured above) had a graduation ceremony at the event. Congratulations to everyone who participated and completed the program.

The Fire Department had its Emergency Medical Services Open House (pictured below) on May 18. The event was held at the Fire Department's headquarters at 6015 S. Cass Avenue and featured tours of Village of Westmont fire protection vehicles and ambulances.

Congratulations to the Westmont Fire and Police Departments for their excellent service to the community.



Members of the Police Pension Board honor Bob Chiappano's service to the community. (L-R) Kevin Crain, Craig Grember, Robert Chiappano, Police Chief Randy Sticha and Ed Nowakowski.

Chiappano Honored for 35 Years of Service

Westmont resident Robert Chiappano was recently honored for 35 years of service to the Village of Westmont when he retired from serving on the Police Pension Board.

Chiappano had previously served with the Westmont Police Department earning the rank of Sergeant. For the majority of his term as a Trustee on the Police Pension Board, Bob served as the Board's Vice President. Bob's influence in the community has continued as his two sons have also worked for the Village of Westmont. The Police Pension Board consists of two civilians appointed by the Mayor, two active officers, and a retired officer. Former Police Lieutenant Tim Feris will be filling the retired officers position on the Police Pension Board. The Village thanks Bob for his many years of service to the Police Department and the community.



Fire & Police Offer New Child Safety Camp

This summer, the Westmont Fire and Police Departments will be offering two opportunities to participate in the new Children's Safety Day Camp. The two-day events will be offered to children 8-10 years old who either live in the Village of Westmont, attend a Westmont school, or reside within a fire protection district served by the Westmont Fire Department. The program will also be available for Cub Scout and Brownie troops based in Westmont.

Kids will participate in a fun focused day of learning, including fire and police station tours, drug resistance lectures, bicycle rodeo, exit drills in the home, and the proper use of 9-1-1 emergencies. After completion of the camp, kids will go away with a greater knowledge of how to reduce accidental injuries and fires.

Two sets of classes will be held at the Fire Dept. Headquarters at 6015 S. Cass Avenue, first on July 20 & 21 and again August 11 & 12. Hours will be 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. each day. There is no cost for the camp and lunch will be provided on both days. On the final day, there will be a small graduation ceremony. **For more information, please contact the Fire Department at (630) 829-4482.**

CERT Program Trains Residents for Emergencies

Be it a tornado, fire, power outage, terrorism, railroad accident, natural or manmade disaster - residents can learn what to do before, during and after a disaster. A new class for the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) will be starting in August. This Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)-based course teaches residents to put together preparedness kits, make a family disaster plan and learn basic disaster response skills such as first aide, CPR, fire suppression, triage, and much more. The CERT program trains civilians to perform a wide variety of duties. The goal of the CERT program is to train people to help effectively and efficiently without placing themselves or others in unnecessary danger.

The five-day course will be held on Aug. 14, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Aug. 19, 6-10 p.m., Aug. 21, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Aug. 26, 6-10 p.m.; Aug. 29, Noon-5 p.m at the Fire Station Headquarters, 6015 S. Cass Avenue. For more information, please contact Lori Brady at the Westmont Fire Department at (630) 829-4482.

“Operation Greeting Card” Supports Our Troops

Westmont resident Lorrie Smith recently approached the Village of Westmont with a unique idea. Because soldiers overseas do not have the ability to obtain greeting cards to send back home to their families for holidays and special events, Smith has suggested the Village take greeting card donations to send to the soldiers.

The Village of Westmont is accepting donations of new and unused greeting cards to be sent to the medics and doctors of the 31st Combat Support Hospital in Baghdad, Iraq. Suggested cards for donation include anniversary, missing you, birthdays, and blank cards. The cards will be made available to the soldiers so they may write back to their loved ones in the U.S. Monetary donations will also be accepted at the Village Clerk's Office to pay for shipping the cards to Iraq. Checks should be made payable to Lorrie Smith. Greeting card donations can be mailed or dropped off at the Operation Greeting Card drop box located in the lobby of Westmont Village Hall, 31 W. Quincy Street, Westmont, IL 60559.



Citizens Corp Celebrates Flag Day

The Westmont Citizen Corps presented a special flag to the Westmont Convalescent Center on Flag Day, Monday, June 14. Thanks to CERT Volunteer Dawn King who organized the event.

Westmont Commuter Train Station Completed

The completion of the BNSF Commuter Train Station renovation has greatly added to the landscape of downtown Westmont. The remodeling includes addition outdoor coverings for commuters in case of rain. On the north side of the tracks, the new bike racks have been put to great use by residents who like to ride their bike to the train.

NEW TRAIN STATION HOURS

The new hours for the Westmont Train Station are Monday through Friday, 5 a.m. to 3 p.m. The station is always open when the ticket office is open for business.



New Hanging Planters and Sound System Installed

Last summer, decorative street lights were installed in the Downtown Central Business District. Within the last few months, the project has approached completion with the addition of a new sound system and hanging planters. The project, which was initiated by the Westmont Main Street organization, is expected to be completed within the next month. The sound system will play music throughout the day on Cass Avenue from Naperville Road to Dallas Street, as well as about one block east and west along Burlington and Quincy. The sound system will also serve as a public address system during special events such as the Taste of Westmont.

Police Dept. Promotes Community Policing

With the many improvements made in our downtown and throughout the community in recent years, the Westmont Police Department requests all residents to do their part in maintaining a clean and beautiful community.

“Unfortunately, new buildings and structures are sometimes the target of vandals,” says Police Chief Randy Sticha. “We encourage residents to be alert to inappropriate behavior. Do not hesitate - call 9-1-1 if you witness a crime. Never let crime go unaddressed. If we work together, we can help ensure a beautiful and safe community in which to live and work.”

At right are Officers Terry Boyer and Ed Nowakowski. Terry is the new Downtown Community Beat Officer and is taking the place of Ed who recently retired from the Police Dept. after serving 28 and a half years for the Village. The Village welcomes Terry to the community and thanks Ed for his many years of service.



New Business District Planned for 63rd & Cass

As a part of the Village of Westmont's Economic Development strategy, redevelopment emphasis will be directed to an area radiating around the intersection of 63rd Street and Cass Avenue. On April 27, 2004, the Village Board held an initial public hearing in regards to creating a formal Business Development District under the provisions of state statute, 65 ILCS 5/Art. 11 Div. 74.3.

Following public hearings, a redevelopment plan will be created and implemented to help expand the economic base of the community. A combination of public and private redevelopment designed to encourage new businesses to locate in this important commercial area of the Village is likely to result from this process. The goal is to create more sales and property tax revenue for the Village, and to add to the array of shopping services available to Westmont and area residents.

Look for more information about this important community plan of action in the near future.

For more information regarding the Westmont Economic Development Dept., call (630) 512-8571.

PROPOSED BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AT CASS & 63rd



“This is a significant part of the Village’s economic development effort to maintain and improve the quality of life in our community.”

Fred Kimble
Westmont Economic Development Director

Main Street Begins Hiatus From Award-Winning Career

On April 30, the Westmont Main Street organization closed its public doors at Westmont Centre and began their current hiatus. Last fall, Main Street initiated discussion regarding the future of the organization and ultimately decided that its primary goal of downtown revitalization was being transitioned to the newly revamped Westmont Economic Development Department.



Speaking of Westmont Main Streets achievements and memories, former President Laura Fleming quickly recognizes the volunteers. “I think (one of our most important accomplishments was having) hundreds of volunteers and thousands of volunteer hours.” Fleming adds, “We did what we were supposed to do. We brought people into the downtown and worked with our downtown businesses.” Laura concludes with, “The education and the friendships I’ve received... I wouldn’t have given that up for anything.”

Corinne Beller was the resident volunteer who laid the foundation for Westmont Main Street. “The challenge was a learning experience and teaching experience all in one,” says Beller. “Everyone needed to get on board to get it off the ground. We had to change the minds and hearts of a lot of people to get them to believe that we could actually make a change.”

“It’s important for people to understand that changes and transitions are inevitable,” says Mayor Bill Rahn. “With these changes come great opportunity for our community. Westmont Main Street has laid a great foundation for economic revitalization in our downtown, and now Economic Development Director Fred Kimble and his Department will carry on this very important work. We are very thankful and proud of all that Westmont Main Street has done.”

Westmont Main Street has also been active in the coordination of downtown special events. Several community organizations and citizens have stepped forward to accept these challenges. The newly-formed Westmont Special Events Corporation will be hosting the Taste of Westmont, the Chamber will coordinate the Trick-or-Treat Trail, and residents Tom Smith and Rich Jones are working on the Cruisin’ Nights.

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Skate Park Grand Opening

Saturday, July 3

The Park District is planning a day of fun for the grand opening of the new Bellerive Skate Park on 63rd Street. This exciting addition to the Westmont Park District features a 15,000 square foot skate park for skate and bike enthusiasts. The park includes numerous ramps, quarter pipes, fun box, rails and more. The Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting will begin at 1 p.m. There will be giveaways while supplies last, demonstrations, live music and more. For more information and skate park hours, contact the Park District at (630) 963-5252.



Fourth of July Celebration

Sunday, July 4

The Westmont Park District will host our annual Fourth of July Celebration* at Ty Warner Park. This wonderful, patriotic event includes music, food and good old-fashioned fun with a watermelon-eating contest, baseball games, and a kickball tournament. Food booths open at 4 p.m. Music begins at 5 p.m. And of course, the area's best fireworks presentation begins at 9:30 p.m.

Also, mark your calendars for **Summerfest**, scheduled for August 13-15 at Veterans Memorial Park. For more information regarding Westmont Park District events, call (630) 963-5252 or check their website at www.wpd4fun.org.

Westmont Olympics

Sat. & Sun., July 24 & 25

The U.S. Olympic Luge Program will be coming to Westmont to search for prospective athletes. Cass Ave. from 55th Street north to downtown will be closed off to provide the decline for the track. The tryouts are geared for children 10-16 years old. For more information, contact the U.S. Olympics Luge program at (800) 872-5843.

Events denoted by an asterisk (*) have received funding from the Village of Westmont Hotel/Motel Tax Grant Fund.

There's Something In We



Taste of Fun for **July 9, 10 &**

If you're looking for fun, the Annual Taste of Westmont is the place to be. Located on Burlington Avenue and...

There are many additional activities. Irving will feature teen and youth-oriented performances. **CHEER CLINIC** for...

a **JUGGLING PERFORMANCE**. The first-ever **WESTMONT WHS POMS**. At 3:30 p.m., there will be **COUNTRY LINE DANCE**.

The Westmont Area Friends of the Arts (WAFOTA) **ARTS TENT** will be part of the festival. The exhibit consists of artists working in their mediums with **MUSIKGARTEN CHILDREN'S MUSIC** presentation on Sat., July 10. **STORYTIME** will be at 11:30 a.m. on Sun., July 11. On Sunday, there will be a **TALENT SHOW** from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on the Main Stage. A variety of performances from folk music to a dance presentation by the Chinese...

Safety is very important at the Taste of Westmont. Please observe the following: 1) **No alcohol** allowed into the event; 2) **No dogs or pets**; and 3) **No bikes, roller skis, or scooters**.

We are very excited to announce our **MAIN STAGE HEADLINE** will begin with Singer-Songwriter **MICHAEL MOUSHON** at 4:30 p.m.



The Astronauts

with a mix of fun and TV/Movie Themes. At 7 p.m., **THE ASTRONAUTS**. And at 9 p.m., **BUCKINGHAMS** will return once again. **SHERILYN SANDFORD** will perform Classic rock by **THE JAMESTOWN** at 6:30 p.m. And local favorites **THE IDOL** at 9 p.m. On **Sun., July 11**, Rolling Stones **BANQUET** begins at 5:30 p.m. And as always, the night will end out with the blues - **LONNIE BROOKS**.

For more info, call (630) 963-5252 or visit www.westmont.org

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Westmont Plans the Whole Family & 11

Fun for the whole family, mark your calendar now to attend the 9th Westmont*. As usual, the Village will close down Cass Avenue between Irving and Naperville Road for this three-day event.

There will be many new attractions this year. The **TEEN STAGE** at Cass and Irving will have live bands on Fri., 4-7 p.m. and Sat., 3-7 p.m. There will be several performances on Sat., July 10. At Noon, mbc Fitness will conduct a workout for cheerleaders of all ages. At 1 p.m., there will be a **TEEN IDOL CONTEST**, followed by a presentation by the **DANCE INSTRUCTION**.

On Cass just north of Irving will feature "Artists in Action" throughout the festival-goers observe and interact. The Arts Tent will feature a variety show on July 10, 11:30 a.m., and the **WESTMONT LIBRARY** will have a **WAFOTA VARIETY** show. The Variety Show will feature a wide range of entertainment at the Westmont Cultural Center.

There will be the following: 1) **No outside alcohol, beer, or skateboards.**

ACTS. On **Fri., July 9**, the evening will feature live music. At 6:30 p.m., Space-age Lounge Jazz will be presented. On Sat., July 10, the ever-popular **Country** will be presented. On **Sat., July 10**, live country music at 4:30 p.m. **THE MASSACRE** starts at 6:30 p.m. **THE BROTHERS OF MARCH** play at 8:30 p.m. Tribute Band **BEGGAR'S** will play at 10:30 p.m. As usual, the festival will close at 8 p.m.

(630) 829-WEST
mont.il.gov.



Cruisin' Night

Thursdays through September 9

Gather the entire family, stroll downtown, shop, dine at local restaurants, and bring your own classic car to Westmont Cruisin' Nights*.

Cars line Cass Avenue from Des Moines to Naperville Road on

Thursday Nights from 6-9 p.m. throughout the summer. A big thanks to resident volunteers Tom Smith and Rich Jones for continuing the coordination of this popular event. Following is the schedule for the rest of the season.



July 1 - Military Vehicles

July 8 - Ford

July 15 - Street Cars

July 22 - Chevy

July 29 - Vettes & T-Birds

August 5 - Motorcycle

August 12 - Fire Truck

August 19 - Mustang

August 26 - Pontiac

September 2 - Buick

September 9 - Cadillac & Lincoln

Concerts in the Park

Wednesdays through August 11

Bring a blanket or lawn chair and come to the Park District's Concerts in the Park* music series. Concerts will be held under the large gazebo on the east side of Ty Warner Park near the corner of Blackhawk and Plaza. Concerts are free, begin at 7:30 p.m. and usually run for about 90 minutes. For more information, call the Park District at (630) 963-5252. Following is the schedule for July and August:

July 7 - Chicago Expression (20's & 30's jazz & blues)

July 14 - Mr. Myers (Caribbean/reggae)

July 21 - Maggie Speaks (Dance/wedding/variety band)

July 28 - All-Elvis Band (Need we say more)

Aug. 4 - The Surfers (Beach party music)

Aug. 11 - Westmont Community Band (Instrumental)

DuPage Water Commission Requests Resident Advocacy

With the recent media coverage of the DuPage Water Commission, residents may be concerned about water rates and whether or not there will be a fee increase. The municipal members of the Water Commission and the Village of Westmont are working hard to make sure water rates remain stable. There is no intention of allowing DuPage County to take control of the water commission, or to let the County increase taxes on water consumption.

In addition, some reports may lead residents to believe that municipalities have been unwilling to allow new members to hook up to the Lake Michigan-DuPage water system. As always, member municipalities are able and willing to provide Lake Michigan water to any residents who need a safe water supply. However, it is the DuPage Water Commission's concern to ensure that new customers pay a fair rate for access to the system, as did current members.

The Village urges residents to contact legislators and county board members to support the DuPage Water Commission's effort to remain an independent and autonomous agency from the county government.

***Think
Global!
Act
Local!***

Sprinkling Restrictions

Each year, the Village enacts water sprinkling restrictions from May 15 through Sept. 15. The restrictions only apply to mechanical sprinkling of lawns and gardens. Water sprinkling by hand is allowed. **Properties having odd-numbered street addresses are prohibited from using water sprinklers from 7-11 a.m. and 7-11 p.m. on dates of the month having an odd number. Properties having even-numbered addresses are prohibited from using water sprinklers from 7-11 a.m. and 7-11 p.m. on dates of the month having an even number.**

During extreme water shortages, the Mayor has the authority to ban the use of water outside a home or business, except for the extinguishment of fires and emergencies. Any person, firm or corporation convicted of violating the provisions of this shall be subject to a fine ranging from \$25 to \$200 for each violation. The watering of trees, shrubs, flowers and gardens shall be permitted at all times by means of handheld devices.



Water Replacement Project Continues on Naperville/Chicago

Naperville Road and Chicago Avenue is the the focus of the Village's water main replacement program this year. Please be advised that there may be traffic delays during construction. The project will continue through this fall. The affected areas are as follows:

Naperville Rd. – Cumnor Rd. to Williams
Naperville Rd. – Williams to Cass
Chicago Ave. – Cass to Richmond

The work is being completed in phases. Each phase will take approximately 4-6 weeks. If you have any questions, please contact the Water Department at (630) 829-4450 between 7 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Community School News

In an effort to work with our area schools in the promotion of their activities, the Village of Westmont has initiated this Community School News page in the Village Newsletter. If you are aware of a school activity or the success of a student who lives in the Village of Westmont, please contact media@westmont.il.gov or call (630) 960-4710 to submit material for our consideration. We look forward to working with our local schools.

Village Announces WEIC Scholarship Winners

The recipients of the Westmont Environmental Improvement Commission Scholarship/Internship Program were announced at a recent Village Board Meeting. Alicia Hirhager and Emily Crawford each received a check for \$1,250 from Waste Management, which sponsors the program. The interns will work with Village staff over the summer as part of the program. The internship program will include assisting with the Taste of Westmont WEIC booth and recycling contest, grant writing, coordinating an “recycling inventory” regarding the recycling habits of Village Departments, a stormwater information publicity campaign, and more. The Village congratulates Emily and Alicia and looks forward to working with them.



From left to right: Internship Coordinator Larry McIntyre, Mayor Rahn, Alicia Hirhager, Emily Crawford, and Waste Management's Matt Hernandez

D201 Announces Illinois State Scholars

School District 201 is pleased to announce that twelve Westmont High School students have been named Illinois State Scholars this year. This award is made to outstanding students on the basis of their rank in class and junior year ACT composite. Only the top 10 percent of seniors in the state of Illinois receive this award. We congratulate these students and their families on this achievement.

Pictured from left to right in the front row: Rachel Boso, Meghan Tyminski, and Megan Sorensen. Second Row: Cindy Nge, Dawn Abbott, and Pamela Toman. Third row: Zachary Hummel, Anne Royston, and Daniel Scanlan. Fourth row: Ryan O'Connor. Back row: Jesse Lin and Jason Goodpaster.



Village Supports “Corridor of Character”

Students from several area schools recently attended a Village Board Meeting to present Mayor Rahn with a certificate of honorary membership in the “Corridor of Character”. The

“Corridor of Character” is a group of individuals representing Burr Ridge, Clarendon Hills, Darien, Hinsdale, Oak Brook, Westmont and Willowbrook working together to create communities where all citizens champion character development. If you are interested in the “Corridor of Character,” please contact co-chairs Carol Lazarski at (630) 325-9799 or Diane Sullivan at (630) 323-3244 ext. 238 or send an email to LearnABit@aol.com.



Clerk's Office News

SUMMER HOURS

To better serve residents, the Clerk's Office extends daily business hours in the summer. From June 1-Sept. 30, the Clerk's Office, located in the Village Hall at 31 W. Quincy Street, is open Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Clerk's Office is closed on Village-observed holidays.

AFTER-HOURS DROP BOX

After-hour bill payments can be made by dropping them off in the yellow after-hours drop box, located near the entrance of the Commuter Train Station on west Quincy Street. All after-hour payments are processed the next business day.

MAKE PAYMENTS BY MAIL

All purchases available at the Clerk's Office including various licenses, refuse & yard waste stickers, and cab coupons can be made by mail.

CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED

The Village of Westmont Clerk's Office now accepts credit card payments with VISA and Master Card. Charge cards are allowed for all Clerk's Office payments including water bills, licenses and various Village fees.

DOG LICENSES DUE JULY 1

All dogs within the Village of Westmont, six months of age or older, must be licensed. The annual license costs \$2. A rabies inoculation number is required for all dog licenses. Dog licenses are due by July 1 or within ten days of becoming the owner or keeper of the dog. License tags are issued free of charge to the owners of trained dogs serving persons who are blind, deaf or mobility-impaired.

Dog licenses may be obtained by mail or in person at the Village Hall. A PDF-version of the dog license application can be obtained at www.co.fairfax.va.us/dta/forms.htm. Completed applications with rabies vaccination certificate and payments can be sent to the Village of Westmont, Clerk's Office, 31 W. Quincy Street, Westmont, IL 60559. Checks should be made to the Village of Westmont. Completed materials and checks can also be placed in the after-hours drop box near the train station. If you have bought tags previously, you will automatically receive application forms in the mail in May.

For more information regarding the Clerk's Office, call (630) 829-4400.

Chamber Names New Director

The Westmont Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Bureau recently hired Janelle Fallan (pictured below with Chamber President Joe Moffa) as their new Executive Director.

"Janelle is a highly experienced Chamber executive. We are pleased to have her as part of our team," said Joseph Moffa, Mayslake Village Director of Development and Chamber President when he announced her hiring. She was most recently a vice-president of the Spokane, Washington, Regional Chamber of Commerce and moved to the Chicago area last fall. She was hired following a two-month search process headed by Diane Rosenthal, General Manager of Oak Brook Hills Resort and Chamber Vice President.



Since beginning with the Chamber, Janelle has helped coordinate the Chamber's annual golf outing, assisted production of the Chamber's "Businesses of the Month" video program with Glen Liljeberg and Fred Kimble, and attended many community meetings. "I'm really looking forward to work with the Village. Everyone has been so helpful and welcoming," says Fallan.

If you would like to help welcome Janelle to the Village, or if you have general questions regarding the Westmont Chamber, please call (630) 960-5553.



Chamber Presents Awards at Annual Banquet

Each year, the Westmont Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Bureau holds its Annual Awards Banquet to honor Chamber member businesses that have excelled in the past year. Following are the people and businesses that received awards this year. The Village of Westmont congratulates all of the award recipients.

2003 President's Award

Mary Lou Johnston

2003 Dick Busse Business of the Year

Oakbrook Toyota in Westmont

2003 Community Improvement Awards

Absolutely Delicious
Crème De La Crème
Westmont Brat House
Westmont Public Library
You and Me, Inc.

Appreciation Award

Barrett Cleaners

**Jumpstart
Your Business!**

**Join the
Westmont
Chamber!**

Call (630) 960-5553!

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Main Street will continue its articles of incorporation for at least the next year as this transition continues. In the meantime, Main Street volunteers continue to work with the Economic Development Department on the Facade Grant Program and other programs.

Following is a list of Westmont Main Street accomplishments during its nine-year tenure:

- **Assisted in creating a new image for our downtown including participation in the construction of new downtown facilities such as Westmont Centre, Commuter Station remodeling and Centre Plaza**
- **Assisted in improving appearance of downtown streetscape including new street lights**
- **Initiated and/or coordinated several successful annual events including Taste of Westmont, Cruisin' Nights, Farmer's Market, Trick-or-Treat Trail and related Halloween activities, Holly Days events including the Frosty & Friends Parade, and more**
- **Earned the Village of Westmont a Governor's Home Town Award for annual Taste of Westmont event**
- **Top 10 semifinalist for the 2003 Great American Main Street Awards, an honor rarely received by a first-time submission**
- **Consistently regarded as one of the top Main Street programs in the State of Illinois and winning several Illinois Main Street awards**
- **Produced five Citizens of the Year winners from its board member volunteers including Corinne Beller, Twilia Teigen, Jim Addington, Rich Jones and Laura Fleming - Also, former Main Street President Marie Johanik-Guzzo went on to be a Village Trustee**
- **Brought influential guest speakers and consultants to the community to work with downtown businesses to ensure their success**
- **Initiated the downtown Facade Grant Program**
- **Secured private investment in the downtown area exceeding \$10 million**
- **Contributed countless volunteer hours annually**

**THANK YOU WESTMONT MAIN STREET!
YOU HAVE SERVED YOUR COMMUNITY
WITH GREAT PASSION AND PRIDE!
OUR DOWNTOWN HAS GREATLY
BENEFITTED FROM YOUR HARD WORK!**

@ your library

Putting the POW (People of Westmont) in the Library Strategic Plan

Earlier this year, community leaders gathered at the library to discuss their vision for Westmont and how the library could support this vision. From this session plus information from focus groups and patrons' comments recorded over the last year, the staff prepared a Strategic Plan for the next three years. This document is available on our website, www.westmontlibrary.org

Library Receives Award for Community Improvement

The Westmont Chamber of Commerce recognized the Library's Honor Garden with a 2003 Westmont Community Improvement Award. Friends of the Westmont Library and Girl Scout Troup #693 planted a new garden in the Spring of 2003 to honor people who have given significantly of their time and talent to the growth of the library. The garden was designed by Bob Fleck, Westmont Park District and Jim Ruhl, JW Ruhl Landscape Services, Naperville, and planted by volunteers. The garden includes a sculpture by Westmont resident, Barry Varga.

Library Closings

July 5 all day for the 4th of July Weekend.

August 20 all day for staff training related to the new Strategic Plan.

4th Monday Book Group

July 26, 2004
One Thousand White Women:
The Journal of May Dodd
by Jim Fergus

You Can Vote!

The Library offers voter registration during library hours. To register you must be a citizen of the United States, 18 years of age by Election Day, and reside at your current address 30 days prior to the election. Bring two forms of ID, one of which has your correct address. If you are a naturalized citizen, bring citizenship papers.

Keep Young People Reading

Westmont Youth Librarian Marcy Simpson is urging parents to keep young people reading all year long.

Oftentimes books and reading are left behind when the school doors close in June, however, children who read all summer long avoid the "Summer Slide" - beginning the new school year at a lower reading level. Research shows children who read a half an hour a day will increase their

reading levels. Children who read twenty minutes a day maintain their reading level and those who read less than 15 minutes daily may lose some of their reading skills.

Parents can encourage reading all summer long by setting aside time each day for reading, and by supporting their child's participation in a Summer Reading Program. Students in the Westmont Public Library 2004 Summer Read Program will set their own reading goals with an aim to read at least 20 minutes every day. Young people will receive incentives for completing their goals and for every book they read, a chance to win prizes.

For more information, visit the Westmont Public Library website at www.westmontlibrary.org or call (630) 969-5625 ext 5.

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HOURS
Monday - Thursday
10 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Friday - Saturday
10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday - Closed

Westmont Senior Page

Pat Johnson at the Westmont Senior Center is always planning something to do. Give her a call at (630) 963-5150 to find out what's on the schedule. Following is a list of upcoming events planned by the Senior Center.

DAY TRIPS

July 7 - **Milk Pail Show "Americana Salute" & Lunch** - R\$45 NR\$47

July 15 - **HoChunk Casino in WI** - R\$25 NR\$27

July 18 - **Chicago Symphony at Ravinia**
- R\$51 NR\$53

July 23 - **Germanfest in Milwaukee** - R\$25 NR\$27

July 28 - **Lipizzan Stallions & Lunch** - R\$50 NR\$52

August 5 - **Lemont Historical Tour & Lunch**
- R\$35 NR\$37

August 11 - **Isle of Capri Casino in IA**
- R\$17 NR\$19

August 20 - **Peach Picking and lunch in MI**
- R\$58 NR\$60

August 26 - **Drury Lane Oakbrook "Sunshine Boys" & Lunch** - R\$50 NR\$52

BOOK REVIEWS

Wed., July 14, Noon - **"The Turtle Warrior"** by Mary Relindes Ellis

Wed. August 18, Noon - **"Nine Hills to Nambonkahu - 2 years in the heart of an African village"** - by Sarah Erdman

NOTE: You do not have to read the book - just come and hear the review.

BIRTHDAY BINGO

11:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 29 and Thursday, Aug. 19.

MOVIES AT THE CENTER

12:15pm on Mondays - refreshments served - cost is 50 cents at the door.

July 12 - Intolerable Cruelty

July 26 - Matchstick Men

August 9 - Le Divorce

August 23 - Runaway Jury

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AT THE GREGG HOUSE MUSEUM

PASSPORT TO ADVENTURE

Expand your knowledge of trains, Indians, dolls, marbles, high wheel bicycles, quilts, old-fashioned farm implements and life in the past when you visit area museums and nature centers this summer. The Passport program, sponsored by the Kane-Du Page Regional Museum Association, guides you to unique places of interest and invites families to participate in activities at each site. Pick up your Passport at the Gregg House Museum, Westmont Park District or Westmont Public Library. The program is for children ages 4-12 and will run through Sept. 1, 2004. Participants will visit five sites to receive a certificate and 7 sites to receive a prize.

AMERICAN GIRL DOLL DAYS

Bring your dolls or "show and tells" from the past. Try some of their chores like churning butter. The last day, we'll have an old fashioned tea party. This will be a fun way to experience history. Program is presented by Kaleidoscope. Register at Westmont Community Center for single days or all three days. The dates are July 6-8 (Tues/Colonial Day, Wed/Pioneer Day, Thurs/Victorian Day) from 1-3 p.m.

For more info and fees, contact the Gregg House at (630) 960-3392, or visit during museum hours, Wednesdays and Sundays, 1-3 p.m., 117 S. Linden Avenue.

Westmont Village Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
July				<i>Cruisin' Nights</i> Downtown Cass Avenue Village Board Committee of the Whole 1	2	<i>Bellerive Skate Park Open House</i> 63 rd Street 3
INDEPENDENCE DAY <i>Celebration & Fireworks at Ty Warner Park</i> 4	INDEPENDENCE DAY (obs.) Village Offices Closed No Waste Pickup Today Collection Resumes Tuesday AM 5	Village Board Administration/Finance Committee Police Pension Board 6	<i>Concerts in the Park</i> Ty Warner Park Economic Development Committee 7	<i>Cruisin' Nights</i> Downtown Cass Avenue Park Board 8	<i>Taste of Westmont</i> Friday-Sunday Downtown Westmont 9	<i>Taste of Westmont</i> Friday-Sunday Downtown Westmont 10
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